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SUBJ: INVENTORY OF REGULATIONS ON TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ADVISES THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA SECTION OF SUBJECT INVENTORY OF IMPORT REGULATIONS (ATTACHED TO REFAIR).

2. COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF MOST SECOND-HAND CLOTHING ARE BANNED. (THERE ARE NOW A FEW EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS SECOND-HAND OVERCOATS.)

3. IMPORT LICENSING REQUIRED FOR MOST CLOTHING AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS. (THERE ARE CERTAIN LIMITED CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE IMPORT LICENSES. AMONG THERE ARE SILK YARN, WOOL, WOOL NOILS, COTTON YARN, FELT AND FELT-LINED TEXTILE FABRICS COATED WITH ANOTHER MATERIAL (BTN59,17.10), BOLTING CLOTH, KNITTED GLOVES AND HANDKERCHIEFS.)

4. MOST CLOTHING AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS CAN ONLY BE IMPORTED IF IMPORTER POSSESSES VALID IMPORT PERMIT IN WHICH GOODS ARE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED. SPECIFIC IMPORT PERMITS, GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUOTAS ESTABLISHED FROM TIME UNCLASSIFIED

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TO TIME, ARE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN APPAREL PRODUCTS AND OTHER MADE-UP TEXTILE ARTICLES, MOST TEXTILE PIECE GOODS AND MOST OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS DO NOT COME UNDER QUOTA SYSTEM AND IMPORT PERMITS ARE NORMALLY GRANTED ON APPLICATION.

5. OFFICIALS AT DEPT OF COMMERCE QUESTION USE OF WORD

"COMPLEX" TO DESCRIBE S.A. INVOICES SYSTEM (THIRD PARA)
STATING THAT SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN
USE IN MOST MAJOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

6. IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME WAS TERMINATED ON FEBRUARY 2,
1977. ON MARCH 31,1977 - 15 P/C SURCHARGE ON THE DUTIABLE
VALUE OF MANY CATEGORIES OF IMPORTS WENT INTO EFFECT.
THE PRODUCTS EXEMPTED FROM THE SURCHARGE ARE THOSE AFFECTED
BY SOUTH AFRICA'S GATT COMMITMENTS, PLUS GOVERNMENT
IMPORTS AND PETROLIUM. MAJORITY OF CATEGORIES OF CLOTHING
AND TEXTILES ARE SUBJECT TO SURCHARGE. PRETORIA'S A-46
OF APRIL 5 CONTAINED A COMPLETE LIST OF PRODUCTS COVERED
BY SURCHARGE. MINOR CHANGES IN LIST OF EXEMPTIONS HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN MADE AND COPY IS BEING POUCHED TO DEPT
UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM.

7. SALES TAX ON BTN HEADINGS 58.01, TIMPW AND 59.01 IS
NOW 16 P/C.

8. WHARFAGE CHARGE IS NOW R1.50 PER R100 FOB VALUE.
THERE IS IN ADDITION A VARIABLE PER TON HANDLING CHARGE.

9. INDUSTRIAL REPATES AND DRAWBACKS APPLIED TO CERTAIN
TEXTILE PRODUCTS WHEN IMPORTED TO MEET DOMESTIC,
TEXTILE, AND APPAREL INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS. (COMMERCE
DEPT OFFICIALS NOTED THAT NUMBER OF CATEGORIES
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ELIGIBLE FOR REBATES HAS BEEN HEAVILY CUT BACK IN LAST
TWO YEARS AND THEREFORE TERM " CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS"
NOW MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES SITUATION.) BOWDLER

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